

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0156 **Title:** Raise CHIP eligibility through federal poverty level percentage

Primary Sponsor: Cooney, M **Status:** As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	David Ewer, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |
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Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. This bill allows for the expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program by increasing the eligibility for the program to families with incomes of up to 200% of the federal poverty level.
2. The current percentage of the federal poverty level is 150%.
3. To make this adjustment, the Department of Public Health and Human Services would have to determine that sufficient funding was available.
4. The Department of Public Health and Human Services does not have additional funding so there is no current additional fiscal impact to the state.

LONG RANGE IMPACT

The DPHHS would have the authority to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program if funds, either federal and/or state matching, became available. These funding sources could be temporary. If either of these funding sources did not continue at that level adequate to support the higher percentage of the federal poverty level for eligibility, the state would need to take one or more of the following actions:

1. Reduce the eligibility;
2. Develop a waiting list for persons eligible for the services;
3. Add additional state funding; or
4. Remove persons from the program.

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TECHNICAL NOTES

The criteria for determining when the availability of CHIP funding is sufficient to warrant increasing the percentage of the FPL for eligibility is not clear.